

Attorney's Docket No. : 377/9-2080  
 U.S. Application No. : To be assigned **10/533273**  
 Filed : Herewith - 28 April 2005  
 Applicant(s) : Lorenzo MALDINA, et al  
 International Application No. : PCT/IB2003/004772  
 International Filing Date : 28 October 2003  
 Priority Date Claimed : 30 October 2002 (BO2002 A 000679)  
 Title of Invention : **A UNIT FOR TRANSFERRING AND SPACING ARTICLES**

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☒ The U.S. has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
  - a) ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b) ☒ has been transmitted by the international Bureau
  - c) ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
  - a) ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
  - b) ☒ have been transmitted by the International Bureau
  - c) ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has **NOT** expired.
  - d) ☐ have not been made and will not be made
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)]
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

**Items 11. to 17. below concern other document(s) or information included:**

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 ( docs.)
12. ☐ An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1595) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 are included.
13. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment
14. ☒ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76
15. ☐ **THE APPLICANT AND/OR ASSIGNEE, IF ANY, HEREBY CLAIMS SMALL ENTITY STATUS.**
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter
17. ☒ (other items or information) **A clean copy of the application as amended; PCT Pub. No WO 2004/039707**

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner For Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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18. X The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)]:

CALCULATIONS

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|   |              |              |          |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------|
| Basic National Fee.....   | \$300.00     | 300.00       |          |
| Examination fee:  |              |              |          |
| ___ International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article33(1)-(4).....   | \$100.00     |              |          |
| ___ All other situations.....   | \$200.00     | 200.00       |          |
| Search Fee:   |              |              |          |
| ___ Search Fee paid to the USPTO.....   | \$100.00     |              |          |
| ___ International Search Report Prepared and provided to the Office.....  | \$400.00     |              |          |
| ___ All other situations.....   | \$500.00     | 500.00       |          |
| ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT:   |              | \$1000.00    |          |
| Claims  | Number filed | Number extra | Rate     |
| Total Claims  | -20=         | x            | \$ 50. = |
| Indep. Claims   | -03=         | x            | \$ 200 = |
| ___ Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)   |              | + \$360.00   |          |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:  |              | \$ 1000 .00  |          |
| Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 pages-\$250 for each additional 50 sheets of papers or fraction thereof.                                      |              | \$0          |          |
| Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)]   |              | \$0          |          |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:  |              | \$ 1000 .00  |          |
| Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. [Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28]   |              | \$           |          |
| SUBTOTAL:   |              | \$ .00       |          |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)]                                    |              |              |          |
| TOTAL NATIONAL FEE:   |              | \$ 1000.00   |          |
| Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31]. \$ 40.00 per property + |              | \$           |          |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED:  |              | \$ 1000.00   |          |
| Amount to be refunded   |              |              | \$       |
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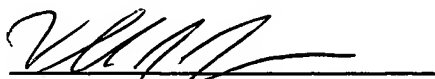
X A check in the amount of \$1000.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deposit account any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 04-0838. A duplicate of this form is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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